

Meeting Minutes South Dakota Recreational Trails Program Advisory Council

June 16, 2016, Room 208, Foss Building, Pierre, S.D.

1. Call to Order

K. Kinsman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Kitty Kinsman (Bicycling), Dave Sweet (Snowmobile) and Ken Buhler (Hiking)

Members Absent: DeEtte Goss (OHV), Vacant Position

State Park Staff Present: Katie Ceroll, Randy Kittle, Al Nedved

Guests Present: None

3. Agenda Approval

A motion was made by D. Sweet and seconded by K. Buhler to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by K. Buhler and seconded by D. Sweet to approve the minutes from the RTP Advisory Council's June 25, 2015 meeting held at the Foss Building, Pierre, SD. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Overview of Active Projects

Most approved projects are well underway or complete.

Discussed delays with USFS sponsored projects.

-Mystic Ranger District has a FY12 project that was given a time extension and project is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

-Northern Hills Ranger District has a FY13 trail reroute project that is scheduled to end 12/31/2017. This project has not been given notice to proceed due to lack of information being provided. The group discussed possibly withdrawing grant funding of the project due to lack of action by USFS. There are \$26,000 RTP dollars in this project.

6. Motorized Proposals & Funding Recommendations

The group reviewed the following list of motorized proposals:

Black Hills Trail Groomer: Purchase a replacement Tucker Sno-Cat for the state operated snowmobile trail system in the Black Hills. Transfer current unit from the Black Hills trail system to the East River trail system to replace older unit to be declared surplus.

BH RC&D, Trail Ethics User Education Project: Develop a trail ethics education program for the Black Hills National Forest.

Mystic Ranger District (USFS), OHV Trail Maintenance Equipment: Purchase a Rokon OHV Motorcycle with utility trailer and 2 remble Juno 3B handheld GPS units.

Mystic & Northern Hills Ranger Districts (USFS), Motorized Trail Field Educators: Hire 2 seasonal employees for the Mystic District and 2 seasonal employees for the Northern Hills District for the summer of 2017 to educate trail users on trail ethics, minimizing resource damage and related topics. This application also seeks grant funding for full time FS staff salaries.

Northern Hills Ranger District (USFS), Iceman Trail 8284: Reroute approximately 500' of the existing Iceman Trail 8284 to avoid bad sections of trail. This application also seeks grant funding for full time FS staff salaries.

Northern Hills Ranger District (USFS), Centennial Motorized Trail Repair South of the Dalton Lake Trailhead: Repair, rehabilitate and minor relocation of approximately 3 miles of the Centennial Trail going South of the Dalton Lake Trailhead.

The group discussed the proposals and drafted the list of recommendations found at the end of the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by K. Buhler to accept the list as detailed. Second was made by D. Sweet and passed unanimously.

7. Non-Motorized Proposals & Funding Proposals

The group reviewed the following list of non-motorized proposals:

George S. Mickelson Trail Maintenance: Maintenance of the trail surface on the popular 109 mile trail system in the Black Hills.

Big Sioux Recreation Area Bike Trail Repair, Reconstruct: Raise trail bed, improve drainage and resurface trail.

Big Sioux Recreation Area Pave Gravel Portion of Trail: Pave the unpaved portions of the recently constructed trail going to the North end of the park.

Newton Hills State Park: Construct aggregate trail to connect park to Lake Lakota. Trail would include crossing 2 county roads.

Spearfish Falls Trail, Phase II: Construct observation decks, install concrete single vault toilet and make trail connections to Savoy and Roughlock Falls.

City of Aberdeen, Northwest Trail Resurfacing Phase II: Resurface approximately 2,650' of asphalt bike trail in the northwest portion of town, near Wylie Park. Phase I of this project was funded in 2015.

City of Belle Fourche, River Bank and Bike Path Repair: The city of Belle Fourche will reestablish the river bank and reconstruct the portion of concrete trail that was destroyed by high water flows.

City of Brandon, East Side Recreational Trail: Construct approximately 2,070' of paved trail at the Sunset residential neighborhood on the East side of Brandon.

City of Claremont, Recreational Walking Path: Construct approximately 0.5 miles of paved asphalt trail in the city park.

City of Hot Springs, Butler Park Multi-Use Trail Project: Construct 3 sections of concrete walkway totaling 1,084' of new trail in Butler Park.

City of Hurley, Lake Hurley Recreational Trail: Construct approximately 2,450'x10' of asphalt trail around Lake Hurley. The city is developing a new city park around the lake.

Menno Pioneer Heritage Association, Menno Pioneer Heritage Walking/Bicyclist Trail: Construct approximately 0.5 miles of asphalt trail through the Menno Pioneer Heritage Association grounds.

City of Mobridge, Mobridge Riverfront Trail Improvements: Reroute approximately 250' of asphalt trail along the riverfront, flush seal trail purchase mowing, weed spraying, snow removal and tree trimming equipment, disc golf signage and weed control chemical.

City of Pierre, Restoration of Causeway Trail: Replace approximately 1,300' of concrete trail going south from the amphitheater to LaFramboise Island Nature Area along the causeway. This trail was destroyed in the 2011 flood.

City of Spearfish, Thoen Stone Trail: Construct approximately 2,900' of compacted dirt trail, approximately 3-4' wide. The trail will proceed from Brady Park south for 2 blocks on existing sidewalk, transition into city ROW, then into city property to monument.

Eagle Cliff Ski Association, Trail Enhancement of Eagle Cliff Trails: Install 20 signs along the trails at Eagle Cliff Ski Association, which is located in the northern Black Hills.

Freeman Academy, Prairie Arboretum – Final Stage: Install a new pedestrian bridge, additional gravel surfacing on the existing trails and 4 educational signs.

Charles Mix County Lake Restoration Organization, Lake Andes Park Avenue Recreational Trail: Construct approximately 5,000' of aggregate recreational trail around the southwest portion of Lake Andes.

Northern Hills Ranger District (USFS), Black Hills Nordic Ski Club Grooming Equipment: Purchase Lite Trax Groomer, 84" Ginzu Trail Groomer and enclosed trailer to transport trail grooming equipment.

The group discussed the proposals and came up with the list of recommendations found at the end of the minutes.

Motion was made by D. Sweet to accept the list as detailed. Second was made by K. Buhler and passed unanimously.

8. Advisory Council Vacancy

K. Ceroll gave the group an update on filling the position vacated by J. Johnson resignation.

9. Field Trip Discussion

Advisory Council would like to visit project sites. There are two options to consider: 1) Look at completed projects to see how program grant dollars have successfully been spent. 2) Look at proposed projects for the spring 2017 application cycle.

Group would like to look at a variety of completed trail projects in the Black Hills since there have been several motorized and non-motorized projects completed in the area. A tentative date of September 29, 2016 has been set. Group would arrive in Rapid City the evening of September 28 and spend the next day looking at program accomplishments.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Sweet and was seconded by K. Buhler to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Funding Recommendations Motorized Projects

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
SD GF&P	Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer	\$ 215,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000
Black Hills RC&D	Trail Ethics, User Education Project	\$ 77,941	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000
USFS Northern Hills	Centennial Trail Repairs S. of Dalton	\$ 82,107	\$ 65,250	\$ 65,250
USFS Northern Hills	Iceman Trail 8284	\$ 23,583	\$ 18,512	\$ 2,008
USFS Northern Hills	Motorized Trail Field Educators	\$ 97,359	\$ 76,782	\$ 0
USFS Mystic	OHV Trail Maintenance Equipment	\$ 12,520	\$ 9,390	\$ 0
	Total	\$ 726,687	\$ 570,160	\$ 398,472

Funding Recommendations Non-Motorized Projects

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
SD GF&P	Mickelson Trail Surface Maintenance	\$ 158,707	\$ 126,965	\$ 126,965
SD GF&P	Big Sioux Pave Gravel Portion of Trail	\$ 72,000	\$ 57,600	\$ 57,600
SD GF&P	Big Sioux Repair, Reconstruct Trail	\$ 152,000	\$ 121,600	\$ 121,600
SD GF&P	Spearfish Falls Observation Platforms, SVT, Roughlock Connection, Savoy Connection	\$ 145,000	\$ 116,000	\$ 116,000
City of Belle Fourche	River Walk & Bike Path Repair	\$ 243,460	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
City of Aberdeen	Northwest Trail Resurfacing, Phase 2	\$ 89,000	\$ 71,200	\$ 68,000
City of Claremont	Recreational Walking Path	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,750	\$ 9,750
City of Mobridge	Riverfront Trail Improvements	\$ 71,500	\$ 53,380	\$ 16,800
City of Hurley	Hurley Recreational Trail	\$ 403,919	\$ 284,985	\$ 112,000
Eagle Cliff Ski Ass.	Trail Sign Replacement	\$ 275	\$ 220	\$ 220
City of Hot Springs	Butler Park Multi-Use Trail Project	\$ 38,928	\$ 27,750	\$ 0
Freeman Academy	Prairie Arboretum – Final Stage	\$ 34,739	\$ 25,707	\$ 0
City of Spearfish	Thoen Stone Trail	\$ 51,000	\$ 25,500	\$ 0
City of Brandon	East Side Recreational Trail	\$ 407,245	\$ 325,745	\$ 0
City of Pierre	Causeway Trail Restoration	\$ 382,709	\$ 267,896	\$ 0
SD GF&P	Trail to Lake Lakota	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 0
Menno Pioneer Heritage Assoc.	Walking/Bicycling Trail	\$ 31,862	\$ 25,490	\$ 0
Charles Mix Lake Restoration Assoc.	Park Avenue Recreational Trail	\$ 82,275	\$ 65,820	\$ 0
USFS Northern Hills	BH Nordic Ski Club Grooming Equipment & Enclosed Trailer	\$ 75,973	\$ 59,625	\$ 0
	Total	\$ 4,722,669	\$1,964,955	\$ 929,767

